

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-26 and 28-32 are pending and rejected. Claims 1-22 and 27 were previously cancelled. Claim 23 is amended.

Claims 23-26 and 28-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollowell, U.S. Patent No. 6,071,056 in view of Kunii et al., (hereinafter “Kunii ‘839”), U.S. App. No. 2001/0023839 or Kunii et al., (hereinafter “Kunii ‘476”), U.S. Patent No. 7,059,476.

Claims 23-26 and 28-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over either Kunii reference in view of Hollowell. Claim 32 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollowell in view of Kunii, or vice-versa, and further in view of Wanesky (U.S. Patent No. 3,263,841), previously cited.

In this response, claim 23 is amended to further describe aspects of the claimed embodiment. Claim 23 describes, among other things, a packing tray and an exchange tray comprising at least one ventilation slot. *See e.g.*, Figs. 7, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b. None of the cited references teach or suggest such features. *See e.g.*, Hollowell Figs. 1-7; Kunii ‘476 and Kunii ‘839, Figures 1-12; Wanesky Figs. 1-11. For example, Kunii ‘839 describes element 4f (a cut-out portion) of Fig. 12. However, the cutout portion 4f is not located along the surface of the alleged packing tray embodiment in Figure 12 so as to allow ventilation. Indeed, looking at Figure 10 (also including the cited cut-out portion), it is clear that the cited cut-out portion is of no use in providing ventilation to the pocket 4b. Moreover, the cut-out portion is not a slot as readily understood in the art. Therefore, since the cited references fail to teach or suggest at least these limitations, the current rejection of claim 23 is lacking and should be withdrawn.

In sum, since each and every limitation is not taught or suggested in the cited references,

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Applicants submit they are inadequate to support proper 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections, and independent claim 23 should be allowed. Claims 24-26 and 28-32 depend from allowable independent claim 23, and therefore are allowable as well. It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

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If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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